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Case No. 659-876

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gurlaski et al.

Serial No.: 09/954,444

Filing Date: September 14, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
ASSEMBLING REFASTENABLE  
ABSORBENT GARMENT

Examiner: Lorengo, Jerry A.

Group Art Unit No.: 1734

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement mailed September 25, 2003, applicants elect to prosecute the claims in Group I, namely claims 1-39. Please cancel without prejudice claims 40 and 41 of Group II as directed to non-elected subject matter as set forth in the following amendment.